Big Toe's Wiggle Termed Evidence Of Man's Origin

Neurologist Says Movement Is Sign of Primitive Escape Reaction.

SAN FRANCISCO. — A peculiar movement of modern man's big toe is considered medical evidence of his descent from a tree-climbing creature, in the opinion of an internationally known neurologist.

This significant little motion is the first outward sign of a primitive escape reaction involving the muscles of the feet and legs.

The reaction leads back to a primitive part of the brain which man still carries around but seldom uses. In the course of human development, this "old brain" was superseded by the part which evolved to govern motion by the thinking process.

Since then, the old brain has been a sort of prisoner of the higher brain. But once in a while it breaks loose.

'New' and 'Old' Brain.

This happens when the higher brain becomes injured or diseased. Then the old brain takes over the job of bossing whatever muscles the higher brain is unable to control because of illness.

An upturning of the big toe when the bottom of the foot is stroked long has been known among neurologists as evidence of disease or injury in the part of the higher brain which controls the muscles.

It was discovered 50 years ago by Dr. Joseph Francois Felix Babinski, Paris physician.

Dr. Robert Wartenberg, of University of California medical school, who worked under Babinski 20 years ago and who also is an authority of reflexes, has traced the big-toe movement to the workings of the old brain.

He reported his findings recently in the Journal of the American Medical association.

Complicated Reaction.

Putting together his own researches and the findings of many other neurologists, Dr. Wartenberg determined that the toe movement was a small part of a complicated muscular reaction involving these telltale movements:

Pressure against the sole of the foot is a signal to the old brain to start the climbing motion.

The sole of the foot turns inward to present the largest possible clinging surface to the object to be climbed. The smaller toes spread apart to increase this clinging ability.

The leg involuntarily bends at the knee, lifting the foot for an upward step. The opposite leg straightens out, preparatory to duplicating the motions of the stimulated leg.

These movements, Dr. Wartenberg adds, plainly are the natural ones for climbing as it is done by the primates; for example, a monkey ascending a coconut tree.

Music in Medicine

Music rapidly is proving important in medicine and surgery. Already it is being used as an aid in anaesthesia and its soothing power in treatment of nervous and mental disorders has been shown. What further uses it may have in therapy will be thoroughly investigated. The findings will be watched by their possibilities for demonstrating how important music is for a person's well-being. They also will prove an aid in establishing music as a "must" in education.

Dove Faces Extermination Unless Protection Extended

It is questionable how long the mourning dove (classed as a game bird, but rightly entitled to be classed as a songbird), can withstand the protective hunting pressure to which it is being subjected. The vast increase of hunters and accuracy of modern firearms, the ease with which these birds can be shot from telephone wires, and their natural mortality and habit of brooding only two eggs at a setting, all combine to spell the doom of the doves, despite their great value to agriculture as weed-seed eaters.

In view of these circumstances, the Dominion of Canada and all of the northwestern states except Illinois have placed the doves under complete protection. But this protective legislation is nullified and defeated by states that have an annual open season, because the migrating flocks, on which the Northwest depends for increase, are decimated to the point where not enough breeders return to keep up the numbers. In Minnesota, which has had 15-day open seasons up to 1946, the estimated kill fell from 41,118 in 1939 to 17,377 in 1946, although the hunters increased nearly 80,000. Even in the far South the peril of the doves now is recognized and hunting is being curtailed by game directors.

Missing Eye Provides Clue In Arresting Purse Stealer

PHILADELPHIA. — Mrs. Dora Baker, 46, was arrested on a charge of purse stealing. Frank Grube, a railroad detective, had no trouble recognizing her. The owner of the purse, Mrs. Bessie Ehmann, a nurse, of Alden, had provided the necessary clue.

Mrs. Baker has only one eye. Her right eye, blind since birth, was removed three weeks previously.

Appearing before Magistrate Benjamin Schwartz, Mrs. Baker testified that her handicap had led her to steal.

"I can't get work with only one eye," she said. "I had to steal to live." The $40 taken from Mrs. Ehmann's purse, she told the court, went to pay overdue room rent.

Mrs. Ehmann asked that the charges be dropped. Magistrate Schwartz turned Mrs. Baker over to municipal court.

"Perhaps they can provide an artificial eye," he said, sympathetically, "and straighten out your troubles."

Maddened by Hunger, Dogs Terrorize Farm Community

ABINGTON, MASS.—A pack of 20 wild dogs which has been terrorizing the countryside for several weeks, killing and devouring livestock, was being stalked in their lairs by farmers determined to rid the community of the menace.

While the posse pushed through the heavy thicket-section, town officials issued a warning to parents, cautioning them against allowing their children to wander in woodland or farm sections for fear the hunger-maddened dogs might attack them. Deprived of their normal source of food by the deep snows and bitter cold that sent small wildlife into their burrows, the vicious dogs turned to domestic fowl and other easy prey.

Four sheep hogs, valued at $200, were torn to pieces in the piggery of Anthony Gawronski. Later, Gawronski shot and killed one of the wild canines as the pack attempted to break into his henhouse.

No more dogs met the same fate at the farm of Pasquale Cacalisco, where only a few days previously they tore to pieces a dozen turkeys.

May delay ending of the tobacco marketing season.

Speeding Train Stops Fight Between Drivers

ABERDEEN, MD. — A southbound express settled at least the initial phase of an argument that arose when a local motorist found his way across the Pennsylvania railroad tracks blocked by another motor car.

Corp. John Lanbeck of the state police said Frank Sirangelo, 35, left his vehicle to argue with the other driver, heard a crash, and turned around to see that a train had carried his car a mile down the tracks.

Persistent Soldier Talks Way to Jail

G.I. Spends Two Days Telling Authorities of Theft.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—A 24-year-old soldier who spent two days trying to convince authorities that he had stolen a motor car made some progress when he was arrested and held in jail.

The man was Leonard Martin West Jr. of Cimarron, Okla. West said he spent four and one-half years in the army, including overseas service in World War II, reenlisted December 15 in the army air corps and has been stationed at Lowry field in Denver.

West said he went to Montrose, Colo., to visit friends. There, he said, he stole an Oldsmobile sedan from Sam Trujillo and drove it to Amarillo, Tex., where he abandoned it at a filling station and hitchhiked to Kansas City.

"Sam is one of my best friends," West told police. "I don't know why I ever stole his car unless it's because I have a war neurosis—I have headaches and things like that."

After arriving here, West's conscience began to trouble him, he told police. He said he was unable to sleep and arose, dressed and went to the federal courthouse determined to confess and surrender.

"A guard over there told me to come back later when some of the federal agents would be there," West said.

"I went back and confessed and they didn't seem to believe me. Someone gave me a dollar and told me to go out and get me a good breakfast. I did, and went to a movie, but I couldn't remember that car and about being almost AWOL from the army."

West said he returned to the federal building, intent on making another attempt to convince agents he had stolen a motor car.

By that time agents had checked West's story and were more interested in him, he said. They turned him over to police, who also questioned him and placed him in jail.

Waste Radioactive Units Used in Food Sterilization

OMAHA. — An Omaha dairy firm has been experimenting more than a year in the use of waste radioactive material from atomic energy production for the sterilization of food, J. Gordon Roberts, the firm's president, disclosed.

Patents are being sought on devices to apply the sterilizing radiation, and not on the basic idea of applying the rays, he added.

A sterilizer using the process has been developed by Robert S. Berry, 24-year-old former University of Omaha student, who has been working for the dairy firm since he went to Roberts with his idea in August, 1946.

Results of tests to determine if radiation sterilization will change the flavor, vitamin content or food value of milk or other foods are expected to be made known soon.

Byproducts from the manufacture of atom bombs have been available for the research, he said.

Army Flies Grieving Dog to Re-enlisted Soldier Master

MONTEREY, CALIF. — Tony, a grieving collie dog, landed in an army plane at the Monterey airport but the soldier-master for whom he was pining was not among the greeting delegation.

Cpl. Robert Stratmann of Santa Monica, reenlisted and went to Fort Ord, near here. The three-year-old dog wouldn't eat, moped about and looked forlorn. The army decided to do something about it and gave the dog a ride to Monterey in the army plane, which, the army explained, was coming here anyway.

Tony was greeted by Maj. Arthur La Capria, post public relations officer, who took him to the army camp where he was cared for until Stratmann returned from a weekend pass.

Calm Example of Two Uuns Helps Avoid Panic in Wreck

BOSTON.—Two nuns seated in the first car of a wrecked train helped, by their own calm example, to avert wholesale panic among passengers, a Back Bay woman reports.

"Passengers started crowding toward the rear door to get out," said the woman.

"The two nuns sat in their seats, and on their faces was a look of peace and calm that I'll never forget. Just by their appearance, they calmed the passengers and helped them get off the train without panic."

Rocks News

Rocks, March 1.— The community was visited by another snow last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Anderson, of Wilmington, Del., spent a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Anderson last week.

Emory, Wiley and Winston Ranson went to Cullen recently to see their uncle, John Williams, who was improving after returning from a hospital in Lynchburg.

James Taylor is digging a well for Otis Ranson.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmsey Inge, Sr. of Appomattox spent last Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ranson.

Friends are sorry to hear Mrs. E. M. Almond, of Lynchburg fell recently and broke her arm.

Mrs. D. R. Inge went to Appomattox last Thursday to see the doctor. While there she called to see Mrs. Holmsey Inge.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Anderson and Mrs. A. T. Anderson last Sunday for Delaware.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Williams and son, Steve, of Waynesboro spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Ranson.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Inge, of Farmville and Miss Odelle Ranson of Lynchburg spent Sunday with Mrs. R.R. Inge.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Dickerson and son, Danny, of Brookneal attended Sunday School at Rocks Sunday. They were dinner guests of his sister, Mrs. L. K. Almond.

Winston Ranson spent the week-end at Pamplin with Gilly Baldwin.

Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Ranson and children went to see Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Evans near Charlotte Court House Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson and daughter, Mary Willie, went to Darlington Heights Sunday afternoon to see Mrs. T.A. Foster, who is still sick.

Farmers are busy sowing oats.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge, Claiborne Inge, and Miss Etta Ranson went to Richmond Sunday afternoon.

Daniel Hamilton, of Appomattox spent Saturday night with Emory and Wiley Ranson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Roach were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach Sunday afternoon.

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County Agent's Address Discusses Rural Youth

The following address was given by E. B. Hudgins, Appomattox County Agent, at New Concord Presbyterian Church recently.

BEGINNING Citizenship in the Home and Church

There is something about country life that, taken at its best, builds strong, capable people. Most men and women who go from the country to the city carry with them the habits of information and orderliness that prove assets to them the days of their lives.

On the farm you learn to work. You can't accomplish anything without work. In the government by furnish the land and Providence provide the sunshine and rain but the farmer must plow and prepare the soil, plant the seed, cultivate and harvest the crop. He has to eat or furnish feed for his work. And this knowledge of men and how to work and do things is a great asset wherever he may go or whatever you do in life.

Country boys and girls have a unique way of the work on the farm. Some almost as soon as they are able to walk. They bring in wood and water, feed the poultry, gather the eggs, give hay to the horses, turn the cows out to pasture and bring them home at night. They help set and clear off table and wash the dishes. Up to 8 or 10 years of age they do lighter work of the farm. This helps in the welfare of the whole family. Then, too, up to these ages and beyond, children on the farm have opportunity to play and romp. They roam the fields and woods with their dogs and pets, and lakes. They throw out big hornets' nests and things. They go with father to the field and ride the horses. They go to the woods and gather nuts, all unconsciously, bring them experience and educati n and teach reliance and fit them better for the battle of life.

Most of all are the open fields and distant spaces where there are no walls to shut in the view. The well-ordered home based on love, mutual helpfulness, and intelligent cooperation is the highest achievement of mankind. It is the cradle of civilization. By living and working together in the home we acquire the virtues, habits, and skills needed for the highest success in life. By doing your part in the home, in the farm, in the community, by learning to keep it clean, orderly, and beautiful; by seeking to make it a peaceful, friendly, and happy place; you learn to think, to plan, and to work with others in ways that will help you to perform well your part in any community. Exalt the home and beautify your home. It is the foundation of your life and happiness; the first school of citizenship and democracy.

The church is our spiritual home. In every village and town the skyline is marked by the slender spire or the square tower of the church. In Europe and America the church has been the greatest force in shaping the world in which we live. Universities, schools and colleges, hospitals and asylums, better prisons, kinder laws, the ending of slavery and duelling and the attempt to end war and bring in the brotherhood of man, all these have been in a large measure the work of the church.

"The church is something like a tree whose limbs branch off - some small, some large; some straight, some twisted; and whose leaves in the fall may be still mostly green on the limbs here and there of gold and flame. Even so the church has many branches and leaves differing as to the form of the building, the dress of the clergy, the services and beliefs. Some spires are tipped with crosses and some with weather vanes. Some churches give the altar a central position in front, and some the pulpit. In some the minister wears robes of many colors, in others only a plain suit. The Quakers have no altars and no pulpit and no minister. Yet all have one God, one Master, and one Spirit.

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around him . . . field and woods and sky. His judgment is trained through appraisement of product and selection of the better animal, the better way. His spirituality is developed through the need of kindness to herd and flock, of fair play with fellow members, honesty in the treatment of the soil as you sow and cultivate and prune, so shall you reap. His social side is developed through contact with fellow members, in work, demonstration, pageantry, song, and play. His citizenship is developed as he takes part in community program making and planning for the future. He deals with real situations rather than artificial situations.

We trust each one of you may organize a 4-H Club in your community with many new people in it, and make that club the best club in the county . . . club that will serve to set ideals, objectives, and accomplishment for every other club in the county. We hope, then, it may be possible for you to give yourself not only the training of high school but of 4 years of college as well. If rural youth are going to set the ideals and standards of the nation, they can do so only as each member has knowledge, ideals, and standards in his or her heart. There is a great job ahead of us.

I would give to you the thought that rural youth trained in the life of thrift, of self-reliance, in the wholesome atmosphere of the open fields . . . rural youth whose muscles and bodies are hardened by work with common things . . . rural youth trained in creative work, work in association with animals and plants, the earth, the rain and the sun, the fundamentals of life . . . they are the ones who will ultimately stand before kings and dominate the thinking and ideals of the nation. And each one of you will have the privilege of playing a significant part in this great adventure.

The foundations of your whole life . . . physical, emotional and mental . . . are laid in the home. The well-ordered home based on love, mutual helpfulness, and intelligent cooperation is the highest achievement of mankind. It is the cradle of civilization. By living and working together in the home we acquire the virtues, habits, and skills needed for the highest success in life. By doing your part in the home, in the farm, in the community, by learning to keep it clean, orderly, and beautiful; by seeking to make it a peaceful, friendly, and happy place; you learn to think, to plan, and to work with others in ways that will help you to perform well your part in any community. Exalt the home and beautify your home. It is the foundation of your life and happiness; the first school of citizenship and democracy.

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Red Cross Fund Dampaign Now Under Way

In support of the current drive for the Red Cross Fund, the Home Service Committee of the Appomattox Chapter has issued the following description of its activity:

"Home Service functions are counseling servicemen, veterans and their families.

"In addition to this Home Service assists men in the armed forces with such activities as verification of emergency leaves, reports on health conditions of family and other reports requested by the field directors.

"We render financial assistance to servicemen's dependents until government funds are available and aid them in preparing affidavits in requesting family allowances.

"We also help veterans with claims for educational benefits, rehabilitation, hospitalization, outpatient treatment and similar phases.

"Your Home Service of the Appomattox County Chapter of the American Red Cross has served one hundred and thirty-two cases during the past twelve months."

High School Chatter . . .

Hi! We are back with more news of what's happening around A. H. S.

Everybody is excited about the big S. C. A. District Meeting to be held here Tuesday, March 16. All schools in the Lynchburg District are meetings this week. Reports will be are expecting about 150 students from other schools.

A special assembly was called by the S. C. A. Monday to outline the program on the Clean Up Campaign. We want to congratulate the S. C. A. on this worthwhile job. Let's show them we are behind them 100% by keeping the grounds and buildings clean. One of the features of the Clean Up Campaign is a poster contest publicizing Clean Up Week.

At 11:05 on Saturday morning, March 16, over WLVA, Lynchburg, Appomattox High School is to be represented on the program of "Command Performance," hosted by Sue Tweedy, Patsy Booth, Pearl Irby, Roger Miller and Dick Tegethoff.

Verta, who is the young man who has been keeping you occupied on Saturday nights? We wonder why Evalena likes the song, "Civilization" so much. Maybe because it is Dick's favorite. We still can't understand why everybody asks Orlena "How's the weather?" (or have we?)

Be sure to come to the Canteen Party Friday night. It is to be sponsored by the Home-Ec girls. The theme of the Gay Nineties is to be carried out.

First Berries of Season Auctioned for $10 a Pint

HAMMOND, LA. — The first pint of strawberries of the season to be auctioned off brought $10.58, according to the Rev. Alexander Barrus of Albany, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Sale of the berries was at the Community house in Albany.

Mike Erdey Sr. picked the first pint from his field and Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Minor of Baker were the successful bidders. The fruit appeared almost normal, with aroma equal to the height of the season. A crate of 24 pints, computed on the above auction price, would total $253.92.

House passed amended timber bill.

Phone 30 with News Items.

China protests shooting at airliner by Reds.

Peron ticket leads in Argentina.

Motorists Get Applications For Licenses

Approximately 700,000 Virginia motorists were mailed their applications for 1948 license plates this week by the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Motorists will receive, with the license application, an application for the renewal of their operators' licenses, according to C. F. Joyner, Jr., Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

On March 15, the doors of 110 branch license agencies throughout the state, those at headquarters in Richmond and the branch offices in Arlington, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk and Roanoke will be opened to service the public with the minimum of delay during the registration period.

In connection with the application for the renewal of operators' licenses, Mr. Joyner requested the cooperation of motorists in sending these applications only one month before the expiration date shown on their present operators' permits. In this manner, he explained, the Division will be able to avoid a rush that will be of inconvenience to the licensee.

Home Agent's Schedule For Next Week

Home Demonstration Agent's Schedule, Week of March 15-20:

Kitchen and Back Porch Storage will be the demonstration for each of the Home Demonstration Club meetings this week. Reports will be given by the leaders on Federation Goal, Gardens and Poultry.

Monday, March 15.- The Pamplin Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:30 P. M., at the Pamplin school.

Tuesday, March 16.- The Appomattox Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:30 P.M., in the office of the Home Demonstration Agent, Mrs. Anderson.

Wednesday, March 17, Wreck Island Home Demonstration Club will meet at 1:30 P.M., with Mrs. R. H. Thornhill.

Thursday, March 18.- Liberty Chapel Home Demonstration Club will meet at 1:30 P. M., at the home of Mrs. B. C. Childers.

Friday, March 19.- The Oakville Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:00 P. M., at the home of Mrs. O. W. Martin.

Uncle Sam Says

A new bonnet may get you in the Easter parade but your participation in the Payroll Savings Plan or the Bond-A-Month Plan will put you in the Security Parade. For the wage earner, payroll savings where you work enable you to acquire Savings Bonds on the partial payment plan. For the self-employed, your local bank maintains the Bond-A-Month Plan. *U. S. Treasury Department*

Blizzard hits the southwestern wheat belt.

World's largest bomb is dropped by Superfort.

DeValera visits Truman.

Miss Gills' Book Published In Richmond

"It Happened At Appomattox," a book by Mary Louise Gills, a native of Appomattox, has just been released by the Dietz Publishers of Richmond. This book delves far into the past, beginning with those earliest inhabitants, the Indians, and dwelling especially on the events that transpired at Appomattox relative to the Surrender of Lee to Grant on that memorable April morning. Delts catalogue among other sentences the following: "The fascinating story of Appomattox, Virginia , many historical, humorous and whimsical happenings about the neighborhood, homes and the famous men who lived there."

Miss Gills, who is at 519 West Grace St., will be glad to mail autographed copies of her book without extra cost. $1.00. The illustrations are from the pen and ink sketches of the late Robert Terrill Gills.

LIONS CLUB MEETING

The regular meeting of the Appomattox Lions Club will be held tonight, at 6:45, at the Appomattox Restaurant.

PAPER COLLECTION

Local residents are requested to save old papers for the annual collection made by the Cub Scout Pack. It is understood that the collection will be made in April.

NEW GARAGE HERE

W. W. Womack and C. V. Anderson have opened a new garage for auto service here, in the shop on Route 460 formerly occupied by Robert Moore.

P.-T. A. Meeting Tuesday Night

The P.-T.A. will meet Tuesday, March 16, at 8:00 P.M., in the school library. This meeting will be in charge of Mrs. Lewis Gunter. Marshall Walker will conduct an open forum on the educational and recreational needs of children.

A panel of speakers including G. F. Abbitt, Jr., Charles P. Crawley, D. DeWitt Evans, William W. Burke and Prof. John Peters will present different phases of the problem. A social hour will follow the business meeting. Mrs. Lewis McDearmon will be in charge of entertainment.

Bond Sales For February

From February 1 through February 29, 1948, United States Savings Bond sales in Appomattox County amounted to $12,124.95, it was announced this week.

Senate approves commission to study conditions in Virginia mental hospitals.

State Senate ready to act on Governor Tuck's "Anti- Truman bill.

Pope urges Italians to vote for candidates who stand for "safeguarding rights of God."

Czech "terror" stirs a warning from Secretary Marshall.

War Crimes Court gives long sentences to 8 Nazi leaders.

Jan Masaryk dies in fall from Prague palace window.

FAT STOCK SALE IN RICHMOND

Plans for the spring fat stock show and sale, one of the state's major livestock events, to be held March 22 in Richmond at the Atlantic Rural Exposition grounds, have been announced by Extension Service officials.

New Chief Fire Warden For County Named

W. W. O'Brien, of Vera, has recently resigned as Chief Fire Warden of Appomattox County, due to the illness of Mrs. O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien was an excellent Chief Fire Warden. By his hard work and experience in combatting forest fires he was successful in reducing the number of fires in the county, saving many hundreds of acres of forest land.

Mr. Jesse Torrence, of Appomattox, has been appointed to take Mr. O'Brien's place. He solicits the cooperation of local fire wardens and all citizens of Appomattox County to help in every way possible to prevent and suppress forest fires.

Crawley Heads Supervisors

L. Crawley, recently named as Southside District, was named as chairman of the Board of Supervisors at its regular monthly meeting yesterday.

A number of citizens appeared before the board in regard to road matters. The proposed county budget will be taken up at a meeting later this month.

District SCA To Meet Here

The District F Student Cooperative Association will hold its annual meeting on March 16, in the Appomattox High School auditorium. This district is composed of the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Campbell, and the city of Lynchburg.

An interesting program has been arranged, under the leadership of Gene L. Borden, of Bedford County.

Lunch will be served in the high school cafeteria, at a reasonable cost, to all visitors.

Patrons and friends are invited to attend this meeting.

INSURANCE OFFICE

J. W. (Sam) Conner has opened an insurance office in the rear of Spencer's Drug Store formerly occupied by Mitchell's Cab.

Headquarters for Mitchell's Cab are now at Mitchell's Service Station, formerly Burge's No. One.

SOIL CONSERVATION HANDBOOK AVAILABLE

A handbook on "Recommended Agronomy Practices for Soil and Water" has been published for free distribution to farmers and agricultural workers.

Prepared by the agronomy subcommittee of the state soil conservation committee, the handbook covers recommendations on crop rotations, liming and fertilization, pasture management, and methods of controlling erosion.

Copies are available from E. W. Mundie, administrative officer for the state soil conservation committee, at Blacksburg.

Dewey leads in New Hampshire preference primary.

Report basis reached for an alliance of Western Bloc.